AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-7. (Canceled).

8.   (Currently Amended) The medical kit of claim ~~7~~ 18, wherein said kit comprises

three obturators, a first obturator having a cutting tip at its distal end, a second obturator

having a substantially blunt tip at its distal end, and a third obturator having a tissue

separating tip at its distal end.

9.   (Currently Amended) The medical kit of claim ~~8~~ 18, wherein at least one of said

obturators is decorated with graphical and/or textual information for assisting the user in

matching said obturator with a correspondingly sized trocar.

10-14. (Canceled).

15. (New) A disposable, shield-less obturator for a trocar for use in endoscopic surgery,

comprising: (a) a proximal end where the obturator is grasped, a distal end having a tip

which is used either to cut or to separate the tissue of a patient, and a shaft between the

proximal and distal ends, the proximal and distal ends and the shaft being formed as a

monolithic structure; and (b) an orientation indicator which is located near the proximal

end and which enables a user to determine by touch the relative position of the tip at the distal end.

16.   (New) The obturator of claim 15, wherin the orientation indicator comprises one or more raised surfaces.

17.   (New) The obturator of claim 15, wherein the orientation indicator comprises on or more indentations.

18.   (New) A medical procedure kit, comprising:

(a) at least one disposable, shield-less obturator for use in endoscopic surgery, each said obturator comprising (i) a proximal end where the obturator is grasped, (ii) a distal end having a tip which is used either to cut or to separate the tissue of a patient, (iii) a shaft between the proximal and distal ends, the proximal end and distal ends and the shaft being formed as a monolithic structure, and (iv) an orientation indicator located near the proximal end which enables a user to determine by touch the relative position of the tip at the distal end; and

(b) a case for enclosing said at least one obturator.